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And Things  
BY C. B. McDOWELL

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From City Council Monday

# The Elba Clipper

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## MAD DOG SCARE

A dog said to belong to Buck Harper of West Elba showed signs of having rabies Monday evening. It was reported that the dog made a wide circuit through West Elba and over Mulberry Heights, fighting and biting other dogs on the trip. The dog was killed and Dr. Taylor took his head to Montgomery Tuesday morning to be tested for rabies.

It has been reported that a mad fox bit several cows and calves belonging to Clifford Boutwell in Victoria community, two or more of which have died.

A report from Dr. Taylor on results of the examination of the dog's head is being awaited with a great deal of interest.

## DIGGEST LILIES

Many persons who have passed the Hayward Taylor back yard, next to the Municipal Building, have noticed some of the biggest lilies ever seen.

Mr. Taylor said he ordered a dozen Anemone lily bulbs last fall and set them out. It was claimed they would make 8-inch blooms. Mr. Taylor said the immense red ones measure 10 inches across.

Hayward said the bulbs threatened to bloom early on account of the abnormally warm weather in February and likely would have been killed by the freeze and frost which came later had he not covered them over. The Taylor yard presents a beautiful display of huge lilies and Hayward considers his \$24 investment in bulbs well worth while.

The bulbs originated in Holland and bloom for about three weeks each year. Of several colors ordered by Mr. Taylor, only the red had bloomed so far.

## BROTHER DIES

Mrs. S. S. Edmondson received word Monday afternoon that her brother, O. A. Thomas of Chattanooga, Tenn., died suddenly. Mr. & Mrs. Edmondson left Tuesday morning for Chattanooga to attend the funeral which was held Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his widow, four daughters, two sisters and three brothers.

## ESCAPES STORMS

As has happened so many times, Elba and surrounding area escaped severe tornadoes, windstorms and flooding rains and other violent weather disturbances which roared and twisted over a large portion of Alabama during the past week end. The only thing this area received was a very beneficial rain amounting to about 1.5 inches of precipitation.

## KIDS CAVOY

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Whitman and grandchildren, Butch and Candace Oggs, spent the week end in New Orleans, La., where they visited Buddy Whitman who is working on his Master's at Tulane University. Buddy intends to visit in Elba during the Easter holidays and expects to receive his degree at Christmas.

Mrs. Whitman said that while she and Jim enjoyed the trip and visit, the trip really belonged to Butch and Candace, who had the time of their lives cavorting about the University campus and swimming pool.

Mr. & Mrs. Whitman reported heavy rain on their return trip, especially around Mobile.

## 5TH SUNDAY SERVICE

The joint Fifth Sunday Service of the Elba Methodist and Baptist congregations was held Sunday night at the Methodist Church. The Baptist pastor, Rev. M. L. Seay, delivered a sermon on "The Greatest of These Is Love."

## MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club of the Elba Methodist Church will meet Monday night at the church for an important session. Mr. James Wise, newly elected president, said he is making every possible effort to increase the membership and interest in the club.

## Phone Company President Hears Complaints on Service

A shower of complaints about telephone service in Elba fell on C. E. Kirk, president of the United Telephone and Telegraph Co. from Dothan, Monday night when he appeared before the city council. Mr. Kirk was seeking a resolution from the council stating that they would give United a 30-year franchise in Elba 30 days after the firm had installed a new dial system for the town.

Before telling Mr. Kirk that the city would "negotiate in good faith" for a 30-year franchise when the proposed improvements are completed, the councilmen present and City Attorney Charles Rowe minced no words in telling Mr. Kirk the faults of his system. The telephone company president started off by telling the council that United planned

to spend \$75,000 on equipment alone for the Elba Exchange. He said everybody in town would get a new dial phone and there would be 300 lines and 800 terminals for the town.

**NEW BUILDING**

In addition to the \$75,000 to be spent on equipment for the exchange and the building, Mr. Kirk stated that there would be more funds allotted for new cables and long distance toll lines.

For long distance calls, Mr. Kirk said 12 new toll circuits would be run to Dothan from Elba, eliminating the need for many calls going through Troy. Because the most modern equipment will be installed, Mr. Kirk stated that by 1965 when Bell Telephone Co. gets set up, it will be possible to dial New York City or any

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Survivors include the widow; a son, Alex F. Hurst, New Brockton; four daughters, Mrs. Ross Ammons, Haywood, Calif.; Mrs. Peater Wambles, New Brockton; Mrs. Roy White, Elba; Mrs. Cecil Wicker, Gornuch, Germany; step-mother Mrs. C. J. Parker, East Point, Ga.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 A. M. from New Brockton with Rev. C. M. Messick and Rev. S. W. Nobles officiating. Burial was in the New Brockton cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

## Driving Courses Suggested

Among the school leaders of Elba who attended the Alabama Education Association annual convention in Birmingham were Sam J. Casey, Elmer Taylor and A. C. Dunaway. They reported a large attendance and interesting programs.

A feature was an address by Alabama Congressman Roberts who declared: "Our traffic disaster is so great as to be termed a national health problem."

Roberts urged driver education courses in all public schools and called for stricter traffic law enforcement and licensing procedures, and adequate motor vehicle inspection laws.

Roberts said the Committee has discovered that youngsters who have not had formal driving training are responsible for twice as many accidents as those who did.

Driver's training courses are being offered at the Elba High School under the direction of Coach Jim Diamond. These courses have been well attended and interest has been unusually good, according to the instructor. It is believed that the training will prove quite beneficial to the trainees as well as the parents who will benefit by reduced insurance rates on cars driven by their teenage sons and daughters.

## Family Fun Night on Friday

Friday proved to be popular at Lindsey - Thomason Furniture Co. Tommy and Charles reported about 100 people came down to listen to the music of the Goodson String Band. They say they will make it a regular Friday night affair as long as people will turn out.

MATH COOK'S death brings to mind the burning of the ballot box in Newbia two years ago. Genial and agreeable "Uncle Math" didn't like it a bit because he lost his vote that way. So when run - off time came, he didn't take any chances — he cast an absentee ballot.

"Uncle Math" was born Feb. 26, 1877, son of Jesse Cook, pioneer resident of Northwest Coffee County. It is said that Jesse Cook raised the sleekest-looking mules of anybody in the county. In fact, it is said they actually died in the lot from getting too fat.

"Uncle Math" was a devoted member of the Elba Masonic Lodge, serving as tiler for a number of years. The tiler is the first officer a member meets at the door and has an

other town in the country before going through a long distance operator.

In order to borrow the money to finance the expansion, Mr. Kirk explained he needed a resolution from the city that the town had not always that the promises of the telephone company had been fulfilled in the past so he suggested that the city commit itself only to "negotiating" with United for a franchise instead of agreeing to grant one as soon as improvements were made. The council did agree to this.

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to be incorporated in the new system include only one phone ringing on party lines, including 10-party rural lines and a terminal hook up that will enable a person moving from one house to another to keep the same telephone number.

Mr. Kirk said that in the entire United System \$2 1-2 million will be spent on improvements. Locally work is scheduled to be completed about Jan. 1, 1958.

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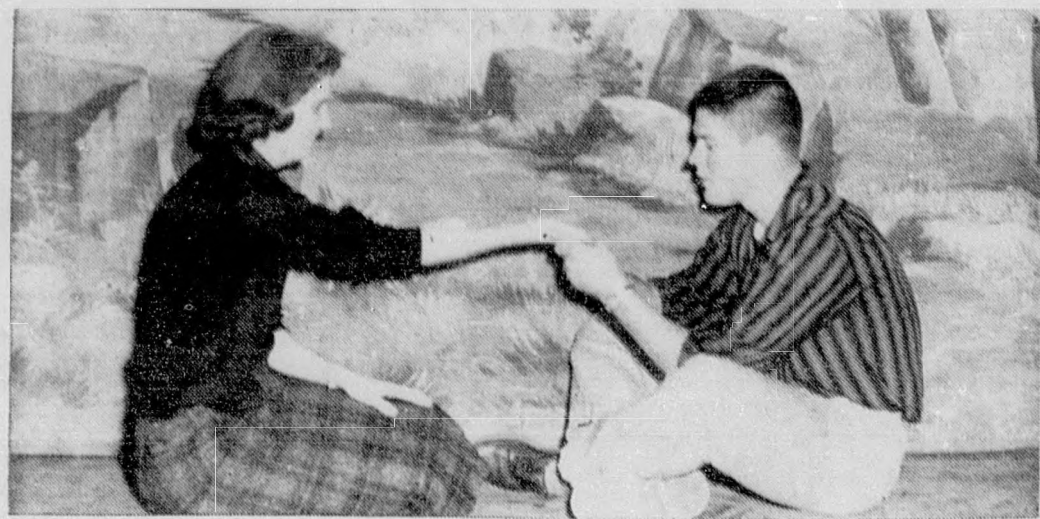






## Through the Keyhole

BY MRS. ROBERT CANNON



Linda Smith and Zackie Storey

NIKOLI SON OF TONO the ruler of the gypsy tribe of Haaren, having been permitted to acquire a college education on account of his unusual intellectual gifts, returns to the gypsy camp from college with the ambition of becoming a poet, publishing

his writings and marrying Clara Cayton, the pretty daughter of a business man with whom he is infatuated. Todor receives the news of his son's intentions with dismay and disgust for he has long planned that his son shall marry Rosta, a charming gyp-

sy girl, and succeed himself as ruler of the tribe, while Rosta, who has long been in love with Nikoli is broken-hearted. Todor's nephew, however, a treacherous schemer, is secretly delighted with Nikoli's determination to relinquish his

THE ELBA CLIPPER

Mrs. Zig Banks and children of Andalusia and Mrs. Mark Chambers of Brundidge visited in the home of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Flaming last weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Fortner and Miss Lottie Fortner visited relatives in Montgomery last weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Alford of Chipley, Fla. visited relatives here over the weekend.

Mrs. J. A. Jones has returned home after being hospitalized at Gibson's last week.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Frank Connor and Mr. & Mrs. G. P. Miles.

Mrs. William Powell and daughters of Florida spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Gus Young.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hobbs spent last weekend out of town visiting Mr. & Mrs. Bill Martin and daughter, who has long been in love with Nikoli is broken-hearted.

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son spent the weekend at the coast.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Collier and little son visited their parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Collier Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Edmondson, last weekend.

Riley Griffin of Enterprise spent the A. E. A. holidays with her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Cleve Rushing.

Mrs. Mollie Loftin visited Mr. & Mrs. Howard Valentine in Ozark last week.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Harper and

sons John and Fred, and the Misses Harpers, spent the week end at Santa Monica Beach.

Rev. & Mrs. M. L. Seay and children visited relatives in Newson, Ga. last weekend.

Basel Whitman is a patient in Mizell Memorial Hospital at Opp.

Mr. & Mrs. Mace Cook and Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Oggs were visitors in Birmingham last week.

Mrs. Gus Young spent several days last week with her

Thursday, April 4, 1957

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rowe Brunson and children of Montgomery spent the weekend with their parents, Mrs. Zelma Brunson and Mr. & Mrs. Moley Boutwell.

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1st CLASS

Enter CHEVROLET'S \$275,000  
"Lucky Traveler" Contest

57 BIG PRIZES

4 TOP AWARDS of \$25,000 in cash with a '57 Chevrolet of winner's choice!

Plus 53 new CHEVROLET BEL AIR 4-door Sedans with \$500 in cash

See the USA in a free Chevrolet! Win a sparkling 1957 Chevrolet plus as much as \$25,000 in cash in Chevrolet's big "Lucky Traveler" contest. It's easy, it's fun for the family. Everyone of driving age is eligible. Contest is open from March 15 to April 15. Enter today! You can pick up your entry form in our showroom.

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Want Proof? DRIVE IT!

Buy now and still win! Lucky Traveler winners who buy a new Chevy during the contest can receive the cash equivalent of their award car.

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## FORMAL OPENING

APRIL 8 - 13

### PRIZES

To Be Given Away Saturday, April 13 — 3 P. M.

★ Zebco Spinning Reel & Rod

★ Electric Deep Fat Fryer

### FREE GREASE JOBS

Every car owner who registers at our station between April 8-13, 1957 gets a ticket good for one free Marfak lubrication job. Tickets good until May 13.

### DRAWING

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

3 P. M. at the station. You do not have to be present to win.

### FREE FIRE CHIEF HATS

For all the children on the car from April 4-13 when you buy as much as 10 gallons of gas.

### REFRESHMENTS-----

All Day Saturday, April 13

Hot Dog & Coca Cola-10c

## Taylor's Texaco Service Station

Grover Taylor, Operator

Phone 554

## ELBA Theatre

Thurs.-Fri., April 4-5

**Odongo**

RHONDA FLEMING  
MACDONALD CAREY

Cartoon-News

Saturday, April 6

**DIANA DORS**

Blonde Sinner

DOUBLE FEATURE

**CHARLES STARRETT**

Blazing Six Shooters

Serial - Cartoon

Sun.-Mon., April 7-8

**JUNE ALLYSON**

The Opposite Sex

News & Cartoon

Tues.-Wed., April 9-10

**JOAN CRAWFORD**

My Darling Clementine

Cartoon

**HEP BURN**

Cartoon

To Our Friends and Customers in Coffee County

Quality Merchandise at Lowest Possible Prices for Cash

SHEETS TYPE 128-81 X 99  
\$2.10 each or 2 for \$3.88

NYLON HOSE

51 Gauge — 1st Quality

59c pr

Box 3 pr — \$1.50

Will appreciate you coming to see us when you are in Luverne

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LUVERNE, ALABAMA

New Revels Building

Plenty of Parking Space

Boys Dungarees

10 oz

Sizes 4 to 12

\$1.40 pr

3 pr — \$4.00

## OPENING

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

This pond has been closed to fishing all during the winter months so the fish should not be "hook shy."

DONALDSON'S FISH POND

## CLASSIFIED

WANTED  
Old coin  
adrian Head pennies and 4-cent money.  
D. J. Baker, 122 Fairview St.,  
Troy, Ala. wop March 28-Apr 4

EASTERN STAR MEETING  
Second and fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 P. M. tte

FOR SALE  
55 feet of gutter and 42 feet of down spout. J. D. Morrow.  
21p March 28-April 4

FOR SALE  
Living room suite. Nice table Upholstered in red leather. Other furniture. See or call Mrs. F. D. Veal, Phone 287. 21p March 28-April 4

HOUSE OR LOT WANTED  
By Dorsey Trailer employee. Please leave information at The Clipper. Want to purchase. 31 Mar 28-Apr 4-11

FOR SALE  
Speed Queen washing machine and Crosley Refrigerator. A-1 condition. Lindsey-Thomson Furniture Co. 21c March 28-April 4

HELP WANTED  
Man or woman to take over route of established customers in Elba. Weekly profits of \$50 or more at start possible. No car or other investment necessary. Will help you get started. Write C. R. Ruble, Dept. A-1, The J. R. Watkins Company, Memphis 2, Tenn. 11p

Mrs. Billy Olmstead and son Tommy have returned to Tacoma, Washington after some time with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Boswell.

LEGAL NOTICE

The application of the Building Committee whose address is Elba, Alabama for the First Baptist Church relative to the property located at Elba-mona Street has been given Board of Zoning Adjustment case number two (2) and has been scheduled for hearing on April 22 at 5 P. M. in the Baptist Church. The applicant and other interested parties wishing to be heard are requested to be present at that time.

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
D. S. Bryan, Secretary  
One time

Get the Clipper Reading Habit

## PRE Easter Specials

4 BIG DAYS

PRICES SLASHED IN EVERY DEPARTMENT  
YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE FOR EASTER

WE GIVE S-&-H GREEN STAMPS THURS-FRI-SAT-MON

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Reg. \$9.95  
and \$10.95

\$6.67

JUNIORS - MISSES - HALF SIZES

CRINKLE

BED SPREADS

Single & Double

Reg. \$2.98

\$1.47

Each

LADIES

HANDBAGS

and

BILLFOLDS

Reg. \$1.00

67c

Each

DUPONT'S ORLON

PILLOWS

Washable and Moth Proof

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Pair

CHENILLE

BED SPREADS

Double Bed Size

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\$5.19

Each

## SPORT SHIRTS



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Each

Sizes 2-18

Long and Short Sleeves

Reg. \$2.98 — \$1.98

JUST ARRIVED NEW

EASTER DRESSES

\$5.95

LADIES

COTTON BLOUSES

Reg. \$2.98 & Up

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Each

JUST ARRIVED NEW

EASTER HATS

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MENS

SPORT SHIRTS

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All Sizes

Reg. \$2.98

and

\$3.98

2 for \$3.19

LADIES

RAYON SLIPS

Regular

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&

\$3.98

\$1.29

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STRAIGHT CUT

ALL SIZES

JUST ARRIVED NEW

EASTER DRESSES

\$ 8.95 — \$10.95

All Sizes

## THE FEDERATED STORE ELBA



# COMPARE



See the difference nitrate nitrogen side-dressing (left) makes on cotton. Nitrogen in Chilean Soda is 100 per cent fast-acting, efficient nitrate nitrogen.

## and you'll choose CHILEAN NITRATE OF SODA

Experience, they say, is the best teacher and 100 years of consistently satisfactory experience with Chilean Nitrate of Soda have demonstrated that there is nothing to compare with it for side-dressing cotton, corn and other summer crops. It is a rare, natural combination of nitrate nitrogen, sodium and minor elements. Where the soil is too acid, where potash is deficient or where the supply of available phosphate is low, where the crop needs quick help, or where one or more of the minor elements is lacking, Natural Chilean Soda has no equal among nitrogen fertilizers.

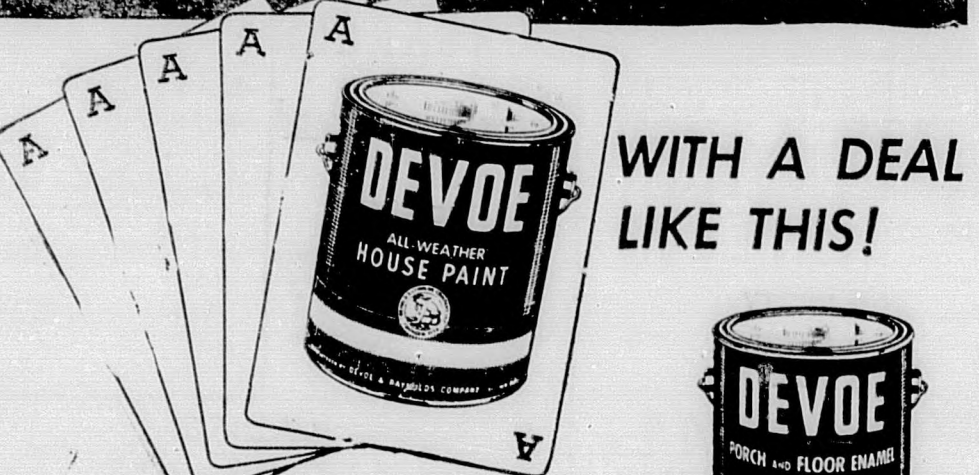
The side-dressing effectiveness of any nitrogen fertilizer depends very largely on its content of nitrate nitrogen. The nitrogen content of Chilean Soda is 100 per cent nitrate nitrogen and this, together with its rich sodium content and minor elements, accounts for its remarkable efficiency in the field.

Sodium adds a great deal of extra value to the product. It destroys soil acidity, substitutes for potash and calcium when necessary, increases the supply of available phosphate, and helps the plant gain the utmost benefit from the nitrogen. In addition, Chilean Soda contains small amounts of needed minor elements to protect against hidden plant-food deficiencies.

If you have any question about your nitrogen side-dressing program this year, we urge you to use Chilean Nitrate. It is only in a small way to begin with so that you can see the difference for yourself. We are confident you'll find it the most economical and satisfactory nitrate nitrogen fertilizer you ever used for side-dressing your crops.

Household Hints  
Measuring cups for dry foods will measure full at the very top so that excess food can be leveled off, but measuring cups for liquids will have an extension above the one-cup mark to give a lip for pouring. Leftover coffee can be frozen into ice cubes and used in iced coffee.

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SPEAKING OF 'BIG BUSINESS'—



## SOLVE - A - CRIME

By A. C. Gordon

The body of the internationally famous polo player, Mr. Tom Wooten, lies on the floor of his stable, just outside the stall of one of his horses. The police are on the scene, but the shoe has left a trail that points to the killer. The shoe has left a trail that points to the killer. The shoe has left a trail that points to the killer.

You pick up a half-smoked cigarette lying near the dead man's hand, and then you turn to the trainer who is standing nearby. "He had a few fits of temper in the past," says Tom Wooten, "but Mr. Hampton always got along with him. I never thought he'd kick him this way."

"Did you see it happen?" you ask. "No. I was in another part of the stable, when suddenly I heard this scuffling, then Mr. Hampton cry out. I ran over here, and found him like this. I quoted the horse down, closed the door of the stall, I could see there was nothing to be done for Mr. Hampton. He was dead! It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do in my life. I went to the house and told Mr. Hampton."

Later you question the grist-stricken widow. "I told him many times not to be so careless with that horse," she exclaims in between sobs. "We had several arguments about that, and I told him he was reckless polo player. We had another rattle quarrel about it this morning, just before he went to visit the stable. Then when I saw Tom Wooten on his way here to the house, I knew, even before he told me that he had bad news! The first thing I'm going to do is get rid of that horse!"

"As it so happens," you say then, "the horse is innocent in this case. It is my belief that your husband was murdered!"

Why do you believe this?

Solution  
You have noted the position of the horseshoe mark on the face of Hampton. A horse always kicks up, and the round part of the shoe could not, therefore, have been at the top of the victim's skull. You suspect that someone struck Hampton a terrific blow with a horseshoe, but carelessly forgot to consider the correct position of the shoe in order to throw suspicion on the horse.

Modern Etiquette  
Q. I have been invited to spend two weeks with a good friend and her husband who live in another town. Would it be proper for me to offer them some money to cover any extra expenses my visit might entail?

A. It would be much "better" if you did not offer them any money. A nice useful gift of some kind would be much more in order.

Q. Is it all right for a left-handed person to hold his knife in his left hand at the dinner table?

A. He can just as easily learn to use his knife in his right hand. Using it in his left hand could well prove awkward, especially to the person seated at his left.

Q. I am mailing out about 200 wedding invitations. Is it all right for me to use a metered stamp on the envelopes?

A. Never! The stamps must be put on by hand.

Get the Clipper Reading Habit

# EDITORIALS

## Local Support Key to Educational Problems

It was refreshing to read about the "plain talk" Gov. James Folsom made to the Alabama Education Association in Birmingham last week. Pointing out that voters had twice rejected tax proposals for more public education revenues during his administration, he declared, "It is my duty to tell you that without the people voting for new taxes, the schools must get along on present income of \$106 million a year. If you can get the people to vote more for it. But it's got to come from the people."

Bearing down hard for more local effort for education, Folsom said that Alabama is second only to Delaware in highest appropriations to schools at the state level.

Out of 10 Southeastern states, Alabama, with 78 percent of school cost borne by the state, ranked lowest in local effort to support schools. This means that people on the local level have to put up more money for the schools, he added.

Austin R. Meadows, state superintendent of education, said that the allocation for other current operating expenses is now reduced \$7 million.

"If private citizens do not come to the rescue of schools on fuel, water, lights and janitor salaries and supplies, over half the counties in the state will run deficits unless the Legislature provides additional revenue when it meets in May," he said.

Gov. Folsom might have taken his cue from a recent report of a legislative interim committee which studied tax laws. This committee also urged educators to turn back home to their local governments if they want more money.

Locally citizens do little towards providing education for children here. Contributions raised by county taxes would keep

Since the much needed rain kept me from taking a fishing trip I had planned last weekend, I spent most of my time just sitting and looking at the television. Now I am not much of a television viewer, but the heart-breaking trials and tribulations of an imaginary couple as presented on the picture box, but oh the commercials — I really don't like them! After spending hours of "Contracted study" I have reached the conclusion that unless a product contains some ingredient designated as such as P.U. 2 or some other like letter and number, I don't just ain't even worth looking at — let alone buying! This sorta got me to thinking.

Yes sir, this will probably come as a surprise to you, but the Elba Clipper is the ONLY newspaper in Coffee County that has eleven-point-five! Not only that, eleven-point-five contains what is commonly referred to in the mining trade as S-382. Although eleven-point-five has been used by big city newspaper for some time, the Elba Clipper is the ONLY newspaper that has it in Coffee County.

Now, it is our contention that any paper that has eleven-point-five is much easier on your eyes — that you can read your paper more thoroughly with less eye fatigue.

Welcome to the Return of Spring Football  
Along with the vast majority of Alabama High School coaches, the Elba Clipper hails the return of spring football practice for prep gridirers. The Legislative Council of the Alabama High School Athletic Association adopted this measure in a meeting in Birmingham last week.

"Football spring practice shall be permitted for three consecutive weeks during the months of January, February and March."

Another noteworthy improvement in training procedures involved the use of pads in fall drills. The council voted that high school gridirers could put on pads in fall practice after only five days of work without them.

Coaches throughout the state have wanted the "pad rule" changed all along. With most teams working twice a day at monotonous over the old 10-day period much work had to be crammed into too little time once the pads were put on.

A crimp was also put in the growing pad of staging basketball tournaments. A new rule prohibits any team from participating in more than two basketball tournaments of more than three tournaments of any size in addition to the district and state tournaments.

The Clipper heartily agrees with the coaches in reinstating spring football practice. As long as high school football has become such a "social" institution in the smaller towns, fans might as well be treated to as good a game as possible without further subordinating the academic side of school life.

Allowing spring practice will not pull a student away from his studies any more than track or baseball. At the same time he will learn fundamentals of the grid game better and be more proficient at it when the season rolls around. The more practice and conditioning a player has, the better he should be able to protect himself and keep himself from getting hurt.

Fans benefit by seeing a higher caliber performance on Friday nights in the fall.

It's a good decision. We are glad the experiment of doing away with spring football practice lasted only one year.

Thursday, April 4, 1957

## COFFEE DRIVE IN THEATRE

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Gun Brothers  
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Dorothy Malone  
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Tues-Weds., April 9-10  
The Country Girl  
Bing Crosby  
Grace Kelly  
William Holden

Thursday, April 11  
Annie Get Your Gun  
Betty Hutton

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Mrs. Elba Ballard, executrix of the Estate of Laymon L. Ballard, deceased, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, on March 13th, 1957, All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file the same within the time allowed by law, or else the same will be barred.

MRS. EFFIE BALLARD, Executrix. March 21-28-April 4

### NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. F. Brunson, was duly appointed Executor of the Estate of Smith Harper, deceased, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, on March 7, 1957. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file the same within the time allowed by law, or else the same will be barred.

J. F. BRUNSON, Executor. March 21-28-April 4

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Smith Harper, deceased, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door at Elba, Alabama within the legal hours

of sale on April 12, 1957, the following described real estate:

One lot or parcel of land, together with improvements thereon, in the City of Elba, Alabama, and more particularly described as follows:

Bound on the West by Claxton Street, on North by property of Rufus Adams, on the East by property now owned by T. B. Bryan, on the South by property of M. C. Boutwell. Said property facing on Claxton Street and being known as the home-estate owned by him at the time of his death.

Said sale made in accordance with the terms of the will heretofore admitted to probate and record.

J. F. BRUNSON, Executor of Estate of Smith Harper, Deceased. March 21-28-April 4

### White Roofing Company Mortgage

Lula Mae Wade Mortgagor

Default having been made in the terms of that certain mortgage executed by Lula Mae Wade to the First National Bank of Montgomery, Alabama, dated July 12, 1956, and recorded in Mortgage Book 19 A at Pages 330-340, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, the undersigned transferee of said mortgage and owner of said mortgage will under the power contained therein sell at auction for cash at the Court House door of the County Court House of Coffee County in Elba, Alabama during the legal hours of sale on the 25th day of April, 1957, the following described house and lot situated in Coffee County, Alabama:

That certain real estate owned by the undersigned mortgagor in Elba, Alabama, and located on the West side of Williams Street, said property being bounded on the east by the property of Aaron Youngblood; on the west by property of J. S. Boutwell.

A. L. BROWN Transferee of the above named mortgage. March 21-28-April 4-11

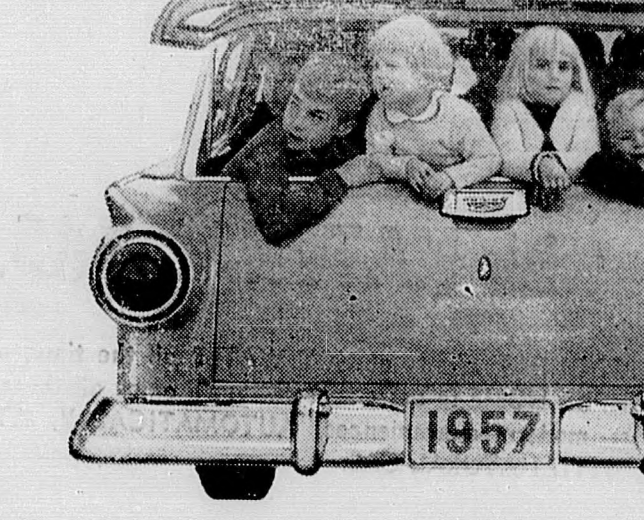
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## MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberto Lee

Q. What is considered the proper length of time between the announcement of an engagement and the wedding?

A. There is no definite rule, this depending naturally upon the circumstances. Usually, the maximum is six months, and if the couple anticipates a greater length of time, they will postpone the announcement of their engagement until they are fairly certain of the date of their marriage.

Q. When cake is served and no forks are provided, how should one eat it?

A. Break it into individual pieces, much as you would a slice of bread or a bun, and convey it to your mouth with the fingers.

Q. When a man is assisting a woman out of an automobile should he take her hand or her elbow?

A. He should assist her by placing a hand under her elbow.

Q. Our women's club is having several guest speakers at a meeting soon. Who should greet them when they arrive, and how should they be conducted to their places?

A. Ushers should be appointed to meet these people, greet them, and conduct them to the platform or to their places at the table.

Q. When giving an informal dinner, how should the hostess let her guests know the seating arrangement she wishes?

A. The hostess should stand at her place, and tell each guest just where he or she should be seated.

Q. Should a guest at a wedding thank the usher who leads him to the proper pew in the church?

A. If the usher happens to be a friend, you may say "thank you" in a low voice. Otherwise, a nod and an appreciative glance are enough.

Q. From time to time I have written many notes of sympathy to bereaved friends, but with very few exceptions, have never received replies of acknowledgment.

A. Not exactly. Your acts of kindness should be unobtrusive, and especially from people who are in sorrow.

Q. What should a young man do when at a party or other function, he finds himself next to a girl to whom he has not been introduced?

A. He can say, "I am Ralph Patterson. I do not believe I have met you."

Q. Whose privilege is it to decide upon the costumes to be worn by the bridesmaids at a wedding?

A. This is the bride's privilege. But it is considerate of her to consult her bridesmaids in the matter.

A basic assortment of top-of-the-range cooking utensils should include three saucepans—pint, quart and two-quart sizes; a four-quart kettle; a two-quart double boiler; a six to eight-inch cup coffee maker; one 7-12 inch skillet; a 10-inch skillet with a heavy cover and a pressure sauce pan.

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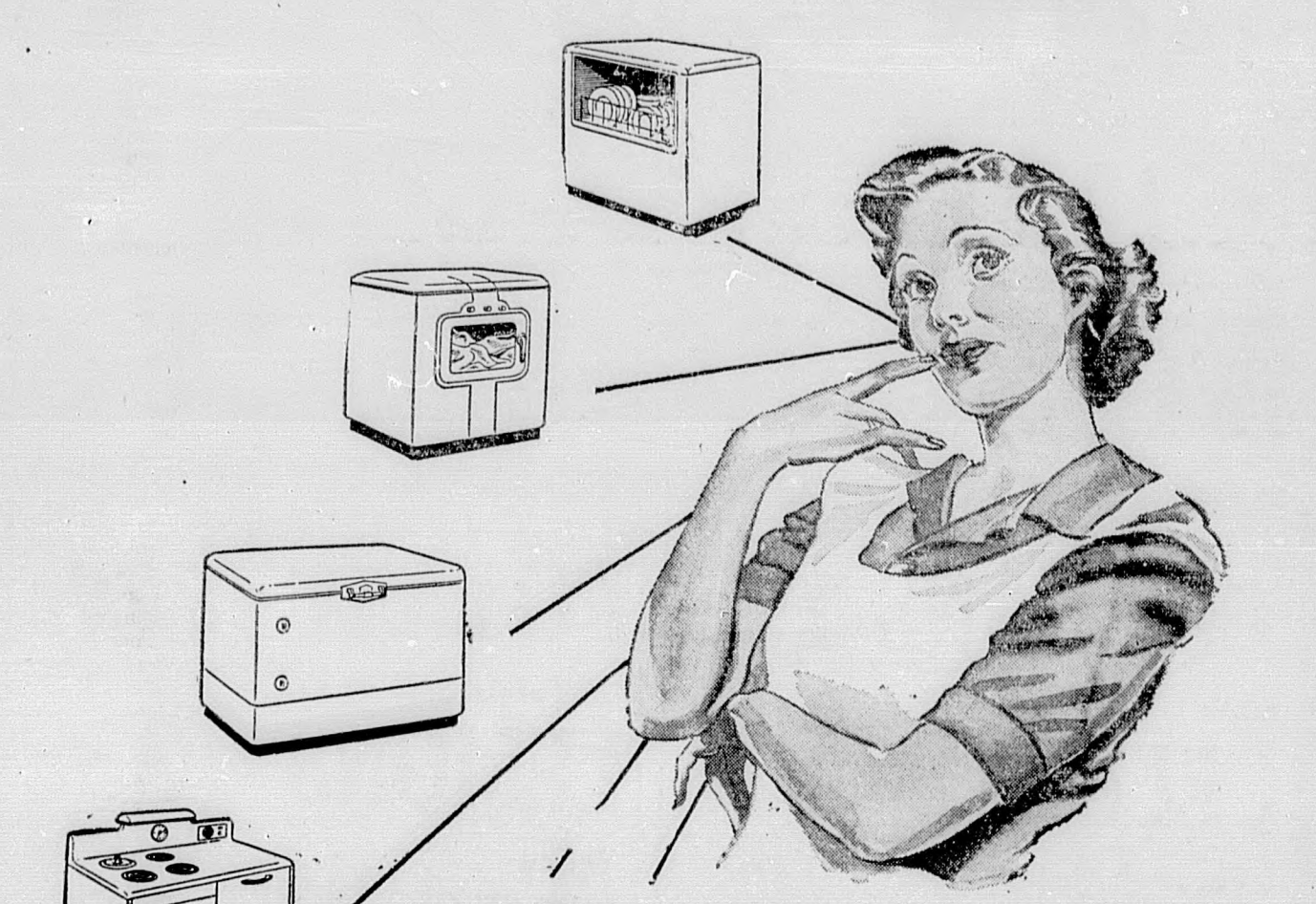


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Basil Whitman who underwent a major operation last Friday in Opp hospital is reported to be recuperating satisfactorily. His many friends hope he will have a speedy recovery.

**SCATTERED OVER GLOBE**

**EWELL D. GRISWOLD**

Pvt. Ewell D. Griswold, whose wife, Annette, and parents, Mr. & Mrs. Comer Griswold, live on Rt. 1, Jack, recently completed the telephone operation course at the Army Southern Signal School at Ft. Gordon, Ga.

He entered the army in November 1956 and completed basic training at Ft. Benning.

**Principle participants in the National Educational Association Centennial observance held at the Elba High School April 4 are shown here. They took part in the candle lighting ceremony which was the main part of the program. Left to right are Mrs. Nellie Martin, Miss Mary Taylor, Mrs. T. B. Bryan, Mrs. Will Kendrick and Mrs. Billy McCollough. Others taking part were Mrs. Madeline Kendrick and Miss Talah Dismukes. Vernon L. St. John gave a history of N.E.A.**

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**UNDERGOES OPERATION**

Basil Whitman who underwent a major operation last Friday in Opp hospital is reported to be recuperating satisfactorily. His many friends hope he will have a speedy recovery.

**SCATTERED OVER GLOBE**

**EWELL D. GRISWOLD**

Pvt. Ewell D. Griswold, whose wife, Annette, and parents, Mr. & Mrs. Comer Griswold, live on Rt. 1, Jack, recently completed the telephone operation course at the Army Southern Signal School at Ft. Gordon, Ga.

He entered the army in November 1956 and completed basic training at Ft. Benning.

**Principle participants in the National Educational Association Centennial observance held at the Elba High School April 4 are shown here. They took part in the candle lighting ceremony which was the main part of the program. Left to right are Mrs. Nellie Martin, Miss Mary Taylor, Mrs. T. B. Bryan, Mrs. Will Kendrick and Mrs. Billy McCollough. Others taking part were Mrs. Madeline Kendrick and Miss Talah Dismukes. Vernon L. St. John gave a history of N.E.A.**

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**Heavy Downpour Hits Elba Last Week**

berry Heights were surrounded by water and one colored family was moved out early Friday morning when their house was undermined and threatened to fall in a nearby waterway. Robert Hamm reported that his home was surrounded by water. He lives near the Elba Motor Court.

Heavy rains fell all over the state but the Mobile Press-Register gave Elba credit for having the heaviest in the state. In spite of this Pea River seems to have done less damage than any of the Alabama rivers. Pea River began to recede Friday evening and by Sunday water at the power plant had gone down to a stage where it was thought the plant could resume operation, at least by Monday morning. The water had fallen 12 feet below the plant.

Pea River reached the highest stage in two years. Backwater from the river filled the lowlands in the old Smith pasture, flooding basements in houses adjacent to the pasture. Fulton Spurlin left his car and trucks parked between the home and Beaver Dam Creek and they were almost covered with water.

A number of homes in Mui-

**MRS. BETTIE BOYD OF TROY**

Under a New York date line, an interesting account of Mrs. Betty Boyd's outstanding achievements in the life insurance field was released recently. Before her marriage she was Miss Betty McPherson of Troy. She was a college classmate of Mrs. Estelle Hutchison and is a close friend of Mrs. E. G. Bragg. She frequently visits in the Bragg home.

Mrs. Boyd and her family were residents of Elba many years ago and have many acquaintances and friends here and all over Coffee County. Her husband's policy had been with the Mutual of New York since the following news from New York attests:

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